

Spektrum™ DX8 AirWare™

Change Log

Version 3.01

2014 Feb 19

Software Features

- Enabled support for Lilon transmitter battery as an option on the System Settings screen.
- Enabled support for V-Tail B (electronically swapped ruddervator servos)
- Added access to the System menu directly from the Function menu.
- Added the ability to reverse Flap System controls for analog-style inputs (Knob, Left and Right Trimmers)
- Updated telemetry to include the GPS Distance calculation found in our higher radios.
- GPS supports a “home” altitude. This cannot be used to generate an alarm at this time, but it does make it easier to understand altitude above ground level. At the GPS status screen, press CLEAR to set the altitude to 0. This will also set the “home” position for the Distance calculation.
- Telemetry “Settings” menu has new option to auto-populate the list of sensors reporting from the model at the current time.
- Telemetry filename now defaults to the model name. It is NOT retained through a power-cycle or when changing the model.
- Hidden Apple Mac files and directories are not listed in the SD menu screens.
- The telemetry menu has been added to the Function list.
- The Spektrum Vario Sensor SPM9589 may be used to report altitude data. The radio does NOT support the vario functionality, only the altitude reported by the vario sensor.
- Sailplane mode supports the trainer button as a Flight Mode switch option.

Software Corrections

- In Sailplane mode, the camber system now properly supports a smooth trim change on elevator between different flight modes.

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Software Features

- Added full function support for sailplanes (Model Type Sailplane)

Sailplane features include:
 - **4 Flight Modes-** can be assigned to any 2 switches
Launch
Cruise
Speed
Thermal
 - **Sailplane Types-** 4 wing types available
Normal 1 servo aileron- RES and basic sailplanes
2 servo ailerons- Discuss Launch and Slopes Soaring sailplanes
2 ailerons 1 flaps- Sailplanes with one flap servo
2 ailerons 2 flaps- Full Function Competition and Scale sailplanes
 - **Tail Types-** 3 tail types available
Normal
V-Tail A
V-Tail B
 - **Motor**
Supports motor function on throttle stick, push button or programmable switches including flight mode
 - **Camber System**
Full trailing edge camber can be adjusted in flight via throttle stick or knob. Different camber values are available in each flight mode (4). Brake/ Crow is available per flight mode.
 - **Camber Preset**
4 camber presets available (1 for each flight mode) for flaps, ailerons and elevator
 - **Flap to Elevator Curve mix**
A flap to elevator curve mix can be assigned to a flight mode or switch. Four curves are available.

- **Aileron to Flap Mix**
Aileron to Flap mix allows up to four mix values that can be selected via flight modes or switches
- **Aileron to Rudder Mix**
- Aileron to Rudder mix allows up to four mix values that can be selected via flight modes or switches
- **Elevator to Flap Mix**
Includes offset for snap flap mixing. Four mix values are available
- **Six Free Programmable Mixes**
- **Four Aileron Differential Settings**
Selectable in each flight mode or via a programmable switch
- **Four Flap Differential Settings**
selectable in each flight mode or via a programmable switch
- **Elevator Trim Per Flight Mode**
Allows active independent elevator trimming per flight mode

Software Corrections

- No changes to Airplane or Helicopter modes

Version 2.06

24 September 2012

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Version 2.04

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Version 2.02

Software Upgrades

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Version 2.01

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Version 2.00

Software Upgrades

- DSMX is enabled.
- DSMX/DSM2 bind mode is now shown on the main screen immediately to the right of the Spektrum logo.
- DSMX/DSM2 mode selectable on the Frame Rate screen. Note that a DSMX receiver is necessary for DSMX operation.
- Added support for new Telemetry sensors Airspeed, Altitude, and PowerBox.
- Receiver Voltage is now shown on the Min/Max screen.
- Telemetry menu is now a scrolling list, to improve ease of use as the number of possible sensors increases.
- When setting the Flight Pack Voltage alarms, you can easily set the alarm points based upon LiPo cell count, then tweak them to your preference.
- The low-level SD interface is updated to improve compatibility with PC's.
- Mix and Gear switches can now be used in mixing functions to have the active position either 0 or 1. These are named Mix-0/Mix-1 and Gear-0/Gear-1. The "1" option is the same as the old Mix or Gear option, as the mix function was previously active in position 1.
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- The Serial Number screen now includes an EXPORT function to make it simpler to enter the serial number when registering a new radio.

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- **LiPo Battery Verification** – Attempting to change the battery type in the Extra Settings screen from NiMH to LiPo will not be allowed until a LiPo battery is installed. This prevents the user from mistakenly selecting the LiPo battery voltage cutoff with a NiMh battery installed.
- **Frame Rate Defaults to 22ms**- The Frame Rate now defaults to 22ms rather than 11ms. This prevents analog servo compatibility issues in the default mode.
- **AirWare Auto-Update** – To guard against inadvertently downgrading the radio’s AirWare, after installing version 1.04 or higher the system will rename the update file to prevent it from auto-loading in the future.
- **Startup Screen** – The startup is changed so that no inaccurate “No RF Link” warning is displayed.

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Version 1.02

Software Corrections

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Software Corrections

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- **Mix Trim-Include** – In some mixes trim include was assigned to the wrong trimmer in certain circumstances.
- **Internal Timer** – In the timer screen the internal timer for each model was not accurately calculated.
- **Trim Steps** - When trim step sizes were changed in the Trim Setup screen, values higher than 6 would cause the trim range to decrease.
- **Shifting Screen** - When selecting NiMH vs. LiPo battery, the bottom half of the screen would shift up or down 1 line.
- **Translation Errors** - in French, Italian, and Spanish, the "Model Selection" menu option was named "Special Features" and not translated.
- **RPM Telemetry** - The displayed value for the RPM was unstable when using the brushless motor sensor. Also a phantom RPM was sometimes displayed when dashed lines should have been displayed (no recent RPM reading). A filter was added to stabilize the RPM readings.
- **BNF File Import** - properly supports multiple languages now.
- **Servo Travel Adjust**- When editing Servo Travel Adjust, pressing CLEAR would cause the channel reverse to be defaulted to normal.

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- **Mix Trim-Include** – In some mixes trim include was assigned to the wrong trimmer in certain circumstances.
- **Internal Timer** – In the timer screen the internal timer for each model was not accurately calculated.
- **Trim Steps** - When trim step sizes were changed in the Trim Setup screen, values higher than 6 would cause the trim range to decrease.
- **Shifting Screen** - When selecting NiMH vs. LiPo battery, the bottom half of the screen would shift up or down 1 line.
- **Translation Errors** - in French, Italian, and Spanish, the "Model Selection" menu option was named "Special Features" and not translated.
- **RPM Telemetry** - The displayed value for the RPM was unstable when using the brushless motor sensor. Also a phantom RPM was sometimes displayed when dashed lines should have been displayed (no recent RPM reading). A filter was added to stabilize the RPM readings.
- **BNF File Import** - properly supports multiple languages now.
- **Servo Travel Adjust**- When editing Servo Travel Adjust, pressing CLEAR would cause the channel reverse to be defaulted to normal.